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Docket No. 56077US002  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Conrad V. ANDERSON et al.)      Group Art Unit: 1734  
Serial No.: 09/759,993      )  
Confirmation No.: 1053      )  
Examined: 12 January 2001      )  
For: ADHESIVE FILM REMOVAL METHOD AND APPARATUS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed 8 July 2002, has been received and reviewed. Applicants provide comments to the Office Action in the Remarks sections, below. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2-3 and ~~14-16~~ without prejudice. Please amend claims 1, 4-6, 12, 17-19 and 22. The amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims are provided in Appendix A).

1. (AMENDED) A method of removing adhesive film from a substrate, the adhesive film comprising first and second ends defining a length and a width transverse to the length, the method comprising:

applying tension over the width of the adhesive film to remove the adhesive film from the substrate along a release line;